

NIH LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAMS

It is the energy and enthusiasm of promising postdoctoral scientists that pushes forward the frontiers of medical research and discovery. We hope that our continued investment in new scientists today, through the NIH Loan Repayment Program, will provide the support these researchers need to meet the nation's health challenges of tomorrow.

*-Elias A. Zerhouni, M.D.
NIH Director*



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NIH Loan Repayment Programs.**

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Follow Your Passion

The NIH Loan Repayment Programs (LRPs) provide an opportunity for promising research scientists—like you—to apply your expertise, energy, and enthusiasm to address the diseases and disorders affecting our nation.

The LRP provides financial assistance so that you can pursue the research critical to the field of public health at any nonprofit, university or government organization.

Annually, more than 1,600 research scientists benefit from this Federal student loan and tax relief program. You too may be eligible.

An average of 40% of new applications are funded.

Strength in Numbers

According to a 2005 National Research Council (NRC) report on the biomedical workforce, there is a growing need for clinical scientists who can help translate research findings into improvements in health care. The economic barriers to establishing a clinical research career can be formidable.

However, the LRP helps reduce these barriers.

This is your opportunity as a researcher to take advantage of this program to follow your passion.



Loan Repayment Programs

NIH loan repayment programs are available for individuals pursuing research at any nonprofit, university or government organization in the following areas:

- Clinical Research
- Pediatric Research
- Health Disparities Research
- Clinical Research for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds
- Contraception and Infertility Research

Loan Repayment Benefits

In exchange for a two-year research commitment, NIH will:

- Repay qualified educational debt up to \$35,000 per year;
- Reimburse Federal and state taxes resulting from your repayment award; and
- Repay qualified educational debt after completion of the two-year commitment through competitive renewals.*

* *If you have student debt remaining at the completion of your award, you can apply for a competitive renewal provided you continue to meet NIH's eligibility requirements.*



The LRP Clinical Research Program provided me the financial freedom to pursue my desired career as an academic clinical researcher. I have been able to begin a line of research that will improve the understanding and treatment for substance use disorders in special populations.

*-Michelle Lofwall, M.D.
Clinical Research LRP Participant
2003 - 2008*



Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Doctoral degree (M.D., Ph.D., or equivalent)
- Funding for research at any domestic nonprofit, university, or government organization
- Educational loan debt equal to at least 20% of your annual salary
- Conduct research for an average of 20 hours/week
- U.S. Citizen or permanent resident

Details are available at www.lrp.nih.gov

Online Applications

The annual application cycle opens on September 1 and closes on December 1.

Visit www.lrp.nih.gov for more information on the programs and to begin your online application.

APPLY

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